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MEMORANDUM FOR

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Colonel A. J. Goodpaster, CS, USA
Staff Secretary
The White House

In accordance with your request, attached is a suggested press release on the Board of Consultants on foreign intelligence activities.

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ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

Attachments

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Consultants

**PRESS RELEASE ON BOARD OF CONSULTANTS
ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES**

The President announced today that he had appointed a Board of Consultants to review periodically the foreign intelligence activities of the Government. This action was taken pursuant to recommendations of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (the Hoover Commission), and after consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence. The Board is composed of seven outstanding citizens in whose high qualifications and discretion the President has the fullest confidence. A list of the members is attached.

The Board will analyze carefully the work and progress of the Government's foreign intelligence activities, and will report to the President not less often than semiannually. It will concentrate its attention on the work of the Central Intelligence Agency, on those intelligence elements of key importance in other departments and agencies, and the over-all coordination of the intelligence effort.

In appointing this Board the President has reaffirmed his conviction that prompt and accurate intelligence is essential to the policy making branches of the Government in the field of national security and foreign relations.

The President hopes to meet with the Board and Mr. Allen W. Dulles in the near future to determine the scope of its work.

Copies of the letters sent to the Board members and to the Director of Central Intelligence are attached.